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**“Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Africa
How the United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism Facilitates Coordinated
UN Action”**

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Thank you, Mr. Avanesov.

Let me join you in welcoming our colleagues from the Permanent Missions to the United Nations here in New York and other representatives joining us online from their capitals.

It is encouraging to see so many countries taking an interest in how the United Nations system is coming together for effective multilateral action.

The launch of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact in 2018, as part of the Secretary-General’s reform of the Organization’s counter-terrorism architecture, was a game changer in enhancing UN-system wide counter-terrorism coordination and coherence.

Today, the Counter-Terrorism Compact is the largest coordination framework within the United Nations system. It brings together 45 entities including 41 United Nations entities, as well as INTERPOL, the World Customs Organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the Financial Action Task Force.

It serves as the leading platform that helps leverage comparative advantages, share knowledge and expertise, build synergies, and strengthen partnerships, to deliver results-oriented technical assistance to Member States.

Compact entities collaborate closely across all aspects of the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy to maximize our collective impact on the ground.

We do so through the work of eight thematic inter-agency Working Groups.

The Resource Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group has two workstreams. We facilitate the coordinated resource mobilization for United Nations' counter-terrorism efforts. And we support the development of common monitoring and evaluation approaches to assess UN system-wide impact in the implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

I thank the co-chairs of the Resource Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group, UNODC and CTED, as well as our partners, many of them gathered here today, and some you will hear from in due course, for their steadfast commitment to our work.

Dear colleagues,

The United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism is a key initiative underpinning our collaborative work across the system.

Launched last year, the Appeal spans 52 regional and country-specific projects from across the United Nations system implemented by 12 Counter-Terrorism Compact entities – UNOCT, CTED, IMO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDP, UNICEF, UNICRI, UNODC, UNRCCA, UN Women and INTERPOL – together with a host of partners.

So, how is this Appeal different from resource mobilization of individual Counter-Terrorism Compact entities?

First, this important initiative demonstrates how the Counter-Terrorism Compact works in practice using 'all-of-UN' approach to avoid duplication of effort by implementing joint, multi-partner projects.

Second, the Appeal is not only a fundraising tool but also an information management platform that helps raise awareness of what the United Nations can provide to deliver technical assistance and capacity-building support to requesting Member States to address their counter-terrorism needs and priorities.

Towards the end of today's programme, we will show you the Appeal's online user-friendly interface as well as how your country can express interest in projects included in the Appeal.

Dear participants,

Let me now say a few words about why we believe that now is a critical time to double down on investing in counter-terrorism.

As we finally approach a post-pandemic period, the threat of terrorism has become more complex, interconnected, multifaceted, geographically diffused, and ideologically diverse.

This scourge is spreading rapidly, wrecking lives and livelihoods, undermining the stability of regions, and threatening decades of public and private investment in development. And this is especially the case in Africa that remains most affected by terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

Today's presentations will demonstrate that the Counter-Terrorism Compact entities are working together throughout Africa to build and strengthen national and regional counter-terrorism capacities across all four pillars of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy.

We have greatly expanded our presence and activities in parts of Africa that have requested our assistance. UNOCT's new programme offices in Nairobi and Rabat and our inter-agency presence in Ouagadougou are key for enhancing our strategic and practical engagement with African Member States, as well as to facilitate regional capacity-building and cooperation.

In conclusion, I would like to remind the words of Ambassador Kimani of Kenya who recommended at the launch of the Multi-Year Appeal during the Counter-Terrorism Week last year that "none of us make the mistake of characterising this challenge as an African one" and that "[r]esponding to this multi-year appeal is systemic risk management for the international system".

We are here today because we believe in promoting and sustaining multilateral cooperation to address the transnational threat of terrorism.

The capacity-building projects that will be presented today serve the African continent in its counter terrorism efforts and need the investment of the international community. We count on your support to the UN Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism.

Thank you.